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SUBJECT: MORNING PRESS SUMMARY, WEDNESDAY 6/15

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WASHINGTON POST

FRONT PAGE STORY. HEADLINE: "VANCE TO LATINS: TRADE, AID
ARE LINKED TO HUMAN RIGHTS"

KAREN DE YOUNG FROM ST. GEORGE'S

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, IN A MAJOR AND
FORCEFUL STATEMENT OF US POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA, SAID
TODAY THAT US ECONOMIC AID AND TRADE WOULD BE LINKED TO
LATIN NATIONS' OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

OTHER POINTS:
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-- SPEAKING TO CLOSED SESSION, VANCE STRESSED THAT THERE IS
NO AMBIGUITY IN MEMBERS' COMMITMENTS TO OBSERVE RIGHTS.
ALSO CALLED FOR FREE ACCESS TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS AND
OFFERED SUCH ACCESS TO US FOR FIRST TIME.

-- "THE STATEMENT WAS THE MOST UNCOMPROMISING AND HARSH

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS YET DELIVERED TO LATIN AMERICA ON HUMAN RIGHTS."

-- PREVIOUS SPEECHES (PRESIDENT AND YOUNG) VOICED DIS-APPROVAL BUT STRESSED POSITIVE PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION. VANCE SPEECH CONTAINED NONE OF THIS POSITIVE OUTLOOK.

-- VANCE CALLED FOR REFORM OF OAS AND REDUCTION IN US CONTRIBUTION.

-- UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, MAIN ISSUES ARE NOT ECONOMIC (WHICH CAST US AS HEMISPHERIC VILLAIN) BUT THOSE VANCE OUTLINED: HUMAN RIGHTS AND REORGANIZATION.

-- VANCE SPEECH FOLLOWED ARGENTINA AND CHILE, WHO SAID US IS IGNORING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST-BACKED CONSPIRACY CARRIED OUT BY TERRORISTS. VANCE COUNTERED BY SAYING RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW WILL PROMOTE JUSTICE AND REMOVE SEED OF SUBVERSION.

-- VANCE NOTED DEATHS OF BORGONOVO AND LETELIER.

-- VANCE TO HAVE 20 BILATERALS.

-- ONE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL SAID MAIN PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION NOW IS TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE. VANCE WILL SEEK TO CLARIFY WHAT ADMINISTRATION NOW BELIEVES IS A SUBSTANTIVE HEMISPHERIC POLICY.

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-- US WILLING TO HAVE OAS MOVE FROM WASHINGTON AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE OAS BUREAUCRACY CUT BACK.

-- PIECE TOUCHED ON PROBLEMS OF HAVING OASGA IN GRENADA: GAIRY TALKING ABOUT UFO'S; EXTENSIVE BORROWING OF BRIEF-CASES, SECRETARIES, CHAIRS, ETC; AND LACK OF WATER. GRENADA'S PEOPLE, HOWEVER, HAVE RISEN TO TASK OF HOSTING 2,000 PLUS VISITORS.

BALTIMORE SUN

PAGE 2 STORY. HEADLINE: VANCE URGES NARROWING OF OAS, PUSH ON RIGHTS

HENRY TREWHITT FROM ST. GEORGES

LEAD: "THE UNITED STATES YESTERDAY STERNLY URGED AN OVERHAUL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO TRIM FAT AND TO REDUCE ITS ACTIVITIES EXCEPT FOR ONE FUNCTION, THE

PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- IN EFFECT, VANCE GAVE OAS DRESSING DOWN IN POLITE LANGUAGE. IN END, HE HAD LOWERED OAS ON SCALE OF US PRIORITIES.

-- SECRETARY PUT GREATEST EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUST NOT BE MOCKED BY VIOLATIONS.

-- VANCE REJECTED ARGUMENT THAT TERRORISM BY LEFT JUSTIFIED REPRESSION.

-- US WILL SUPPORT BUDGET INCREASE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD OPEN UP TO INSPECTION AND VANCE PROMISED US WOULD DO SO "FROM TODAY."
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-- VANCE'S IDEAS OF ECONOMIES IN OAS WERE A FAR CRY FROM SERIES OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR LATIN AMERICA.

-- AS EXPECTED, VANCE REJECTED DRAFT OAS CHARTER. US SEES DRAFT AS PENALIZING US IN SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING TERMS FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS.

-- VANCE PROPOSED:

- CONSOLIDATION OF COUNCILS
- NO NATION TO PAY MORE THAN HALF BUDGET
- UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP BUT NON-VOTING STATUS FOR NON-PAYING STATES.

NEW YORK TIMES

ALAN RIDING FROM ST GEORGES

PAGE 3 STORY. HEADLINE: "VANCE, AT OAS PARLEY, PURSUES RIGHTS THEME"

LEAD:

"SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE OF THE UNITED STATES TODAY URGED LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS EVEN WHEN COMBATING LEFTIST TERRORISM."

OTHER POINTS:

-- AWARE OF LATIN IRRITATION AT US HUMAN RIGHTS COM-

PLAINTS, VANCE CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND URGED OAS MEMBERS TO ALLOW ON-SITE INSPECTIONS.

-- AT MEETINGS, SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS CRITICIZED BY US
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EXPECTED TO RESPOND BY DEMANDING MULTILATERAL ACTION AGAINST COMMUNIST-BACKED TERRORISM.

-- ORFILA TOUCHED ON SUBJECT BY MENTIONING BORGONOVO AND GUZZETTI.

-- NUMBER OF OAS MEMBERS, NOTABLY COSTA RICA, VENEZUELA, MEXICO AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN ARE BACKING CARTER HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN.

-- DIVISION WITHIN LATIN BLOC EVIDENT WHEN MEXICO AND PANAMA SUCCEEDED IN SUBSTITUTING VENEZUELA FOR CHILE AS NATION TO REPLY TO OPENING ADDRESS.

-- OTHER SUBJECTS EXPECTED TO COME UP INCLUDE REFORM OF OAS, ACCOMODATION OF "MICRO-STATES" AND CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.

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JUAN WALTE FROM GRAND ANSE, GRENADA

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE HAS WARNED LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS THEY CANNOT 'MOCK' AMERICAN FINANCIAL HELP BY REJECTING WASHINGTON'S APPEALS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- HUMAN RIGHTS EXPECTED TO DOMINATE VANCE'S 20 BILATERALS.

--ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT MEETINGS WITH SILVEIRA.

-- AT OPENING SESSION, VANCE SAID THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION MUST NOT BE MOCKED BY GROSS AND CONSISTENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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-- GAIRY OPENED CONFERENCE UNDER DOME WITH SPEECH RE-
PEATING CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF UFO'S.

-- IN DEFENDING NATION'S RIGHT TO HOST MEETING, GAIRY

CONCEDED LACK OF WATER AND ROAD PROBLEMS, BUT ASSURED
DELGATES THEY WILL BE CHARMED BY ISLAND'S BEAUTY.

-- VANCE DEVIATED FROM TEXT OF SPEECH TO REJECT ARGUMENT

THAT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT
OF BATTLE AGAINST TERRORISM.

-- VANCE LEAVES THURSDAY FOR BRIEF VISIT TO TRINIDAD-
TOBAGO BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON FRIDAY.

REUTERS

ROY GUTMAN FROM ST GEORGE'S (TUESDAY NIGHT FILE)

LEAD: SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TODAY URGED THE
25-NATION ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO STRENGTHEN
THEIR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH
REFORM THAT WOULD REMOVE EVEN THE HINT OF US DOMINANCE
OF THE ORGANIZATION."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE SOUGHT TO FORESTALL OBJECTIONS FROM RIGHT-WING
MILITARY GOVERNMENTS THAT FIGHTING TERRORISM HAS HIGHER
PRIORITY THAN HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- VANCE CALLED FOR ON-SITE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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-- VANCE NOTED DEATHS OF BORGONOVO AND LETELIER.

-- VANCE AVOIDED THREATENING SANCTIONS FOR COUNTRIES
THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT SAID ECONOMIC COOPERATION
MUST NOT BE MOCKED BY CONSISTENT, GROSS VIOLATIONS.

-- CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.
US WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDS.

-- VANCE CRITICIZED DRAFT REFORM OF OAS AS INADEQUATE.
US SHOULD NOT PAY MORE THAN HALF BUDGET.

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